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I would like to submit an opinion for your consideration during the Tunney Act public comment phase of the Microsoft Anti-Trust trial settlement.

While there are many flaws the the recommended remedies, I am particularly concerned because they appear to be insufficient to prevent Microsoft from continuing to use technical details to support anti-competitive practices. The definitions of terms such as "API", which Microsoft is required to disclose, is vague enough that they would not necessarily have to disclose all important APIs to competing software vendors. Microsoft could also continue its long history of changing APIs without suitable notice or documentation, effectively redering third-party software non-functional.

Overall, as one of the public that is supposed to be protected from the monopolistic practices of Microsoft, I am not satisfied that my interests will be protected by this agreement.

Sincerely,
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